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PUBLIC EDUCATION
GID-285-SF FEB2015****FIRE SAFETY HOUSE REQUEST FORM**

**** Note: There is a MINIMUM REQUIREMENT OF 100 CHILDREN touring at each location. Also, the house is inappropriate for ages three (3) years and younger; the targeted age group is Pre-K to 4th grade. We can visit your location only ONCE PER YEAR! After submittal, you will receive a confirmation within 2 weeks of the event date.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Date of Event:		Time of Event:	
Alternate Date:		Time of Event:	
Organization:			
Contact Person:		24 Hour Contact Number:	
Work Number:		Fax:	Cell:
Email Address:			
Location of Event:			
Street Address:			
City:		Zip Code:	County:
Number of visitors touring the house:		Age Group:	
Please list at least three helpers to assist:	Helper-1:		
	Helper-2:		
	Helper-3:		
Please provide detailed information here or attach additional sheets, if needed.			

E-mail, Fax or Mail your completed form to:

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Commissioner Ralph T. Hudgens is placing emphasis on fire safety education in Georgia. One of his highest priorities is to bring basic fire safety education to every citizen of this state, especially the children. A fire safety house (FSH) is a mobile education unit used to reiterate important fire safety education messages. It is a two-story mobile unit with dimensions of approximately 8 x 36 x 12 ½. The FSH is equipped with a living room, kitchen, and bedroom. Nontoxic smoke is used upstairs to simulate a fire situation. The bedroom door has a heating element that feels warm to the touch. The bedroom also has a window and an escape ladder that children are instructed to use if the primary exit is blocked. During a tour, children are taught essential life-saving lessons such as **Stop, Drop and Roll, Crawl Low under Smoke, and How to Cool a Burn.**

Our Fire Safety House has also has a Severe Weather simulator that teaches the most effective way to stay safe in case of severe weather. The fire safety house is taken to schools, safety fairs, health fairs, festivals, day care centers, church events, i.e., vacation bible schools, revivals, etc., and other public safety related events, upon request. It can tour an entire class per tour, and each presentation takes approximately 15 minutes. The age groups targeted for touring our fire safety house are pre-K, age 4 through 4th grade. Fire safety speeches are offered to the older students upon request in lieu of a fire safety house tour.

If you would like to schedule a time for the Fire Safety House to visit your school or event, please contact Karla Richter at (404) 657-0831, or complete the enclosed Fire Safety House Request Form, then e-mail it back to us or fax it back to this office at (770) 344-4899.

Some fire safety rules that are taught in the Fire Safety House are:

1. Most fatal fires occur at night, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m., when most people are asleep. It is important to have at least one smoke alarm near the bedroom area to provide early warning in case of a fire. In homes with more than one level, place at least one smoke alarm on each level. Have your parents test your smoke alarms at least once a week and replace the batteries at least twice a year.
2. In case of fire while sleeping, roll out of bed and crawl low under smoke. Smoke is dangerous to breathe. Hot smoke rises toward the ceiling, leaving cooler, cleaner air close to the floor and you will be able to see better. Go quickly to your exit. Smoke rises and has poisonous gases in it.
3. Develop a home escape plan with your family and practice it often. Always know two ways out. Once you are out, stay out. Go to the designated meeting place.
4. Have a designated meeting place for the family. Make sure everyone is out of the house, and then go to the neighbor's house and call the fire department or 911.
5. If your clothes catch on fire, do not run. Running can make the fire spread, so instead, **Stop** where you are. **Drop** to the floor or ground and cover your eyes and mouth with your hands. **Roll**, over and over until the flames go out.
6. Matches and lighters are tools for grown-ups only. If you find them, do not pick them up; instead, go tell an adult/grown-up.
7. Stay three feet away from the fireplace when there is a fire burning in it. A screen should be in front of the fireplace and adults should take care of the fire – not you.
8. Remind your parents to turn the handles of the pots on the stove to the back of the stove when cooking so the pots cannot be easily turned over on you.
9. When turning on the hot and cold water, turn on the cold water first and then turn on the hot until the water warms to the temperature you want. This will eliminate you from getting burned.
10. If you get burned, run cool water over the burned area for 5-10 minutes. **Never put ice on a burn.** Also, never apply oils, sprays or ointments to a serious burn – unless directed by a physician.
11. And remember, Firefighters are your friends. Do not hide from them. They must wear special clothes, or protective gear, to keep them safe from fire.